

Resolution 2018-19

A Resolution Requesting DelDOT to Install Truck Traffic Directional and Noise Reduction Signs on State Highways near and within the City of New Castle

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) has conducted extensive data collection and studies since April 2007 regarding heavy truck traffic on state highways near and within the City of New Castle; and

WHEREAS, DelDOT had conducted a Public Workshop on January 29, 2018 in the City of New Castle to obtain input on potential solutions meant to improve quality of life and safety as it relates to such truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, DelDOT presented its findings and recommendations to City Council at its June 12, 2018 meeting; and

WHEREAS, these potential solutions included a truck speed limit of 15 mph through Dobbinsville to Washington Street, all within New Castle City limits, and continued enforcement by City of New Castle and Delaware State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU), truck diversion signs at Hamburg Road to address traffic flow both ways, and engine compression brake restrictions within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City appreciates the assistance of DelDOT and plans to continue its enforcement efforts with assistance from the Delaware State Police; and

WHEREAS, the City supports additional signage but is concerned that lowering truck speeds to 15mph could unduly limit automobile traffic speeds thereby potentially increasing illegal/unsafe passing and causing traffic tie-ups; therefore the City does not wish to implement this measure now but prefers to continue to monitor the traffic with the option to decide at some future date whether or not truck speed limit restrictions within the City would be an appropriate solution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of New Castle respectfully requests that DelDOT proceed with installation of their recommended area truck diversion and engine compression brake restriction signage in appropriate locations to reduce truck traffic and its associated impacts.

PASSED this 10th day of July, 2018.

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

John A. Di Mondì, Councilperson

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Michael J. Quaranta, Councilperson

Attest:

Brian G. Whitaker, City Clerk